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SUBJ: BOURGUIBA JR.'S U.S. VISIT

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1. DURING GENERAL DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE ROLE OF OPIC IN HELPING TUNISIAN EFFORTS ATTRACT FOREIGN PRIVATE INVESTMENT, BOURGUIBA JR. SUGGESTED IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE FOR HIM CALL ON NEW OPIC PRESIDENT MARSHALL MAYS DURING WASHINGTON VISIT CITED REFTEL. BOURGUIBA RECOGNIZED MEETING MIGHT BE HARD TO ARRANGE IN VIEW OF BREVITY WASHINGTON STAY BUT EMBOFF PROMISED INFORM OPIC IN EVENT BRIEF MEETING CAN BE INCLUDED IN SCHEDULE.

2. COMMENT: BOURGUIBA JR. HAS BEEN ABLE TO DRAW ON HIS AUTHORITY AS PRESIDENT'S SON AND HEAD OF NATIONAL INVESTMENT COMPANY (SNI) TO PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE IN FURTHERING GOT EFFORTS TO INTEREST POTENTIAL FOREIGN INVESTORS (PARTICULARLY US FIRMS) IN TUNISIA. DURING UPCOMING US VISIT HE WILL SPEND MOST OF HIS TIME IN MEETINGS WITH BUSINESS GROUPS IN NEW YORK.

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WE BELIEVE BRIEF CALL ON MR. MAYS WOULD BE USEFUL.

OCTOBER 3 LETTER FROM EMBOFF ALAN LOGAN TO OPIC OFFICER
GITELMAN MIGHT OFFER SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

3. BOURGUIBA JR. NOTED THAT HE HAS REQUESTED MEETING
WITH IBRD PRESIDENT MCNAMARA AFTERNOON SUNDAY, OCT. 14
OR EARLY OCT. 15. HIS PROGRAM ALSO INCLUDES VISIT TO
BOSTON AREA FOR TALKS BEFORE FLETCHER SCHOOL AND HARVARD.
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